MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) Special Express services were conducted for the convenience of Sabarimala pilgrims for 14 days from 21-5-1120 between Changannur and Trivandrum, and Kottayam and Trivandrum.

(*b*) Does not arise since no special Express services were conducted in connection with the war exhibition.

Increasing the production of electric power.

158. * MR. K. M. PAUL (*Moovattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the increasing demand of electricity to meet the industrial development of the State can be successfully met from the Pallivasal Scheme alone; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, what is the plan before the Government for increasing the production of electric power?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN (*Ag. Electrical Engineer to Government*): (*a*) The present demands can be met from the P. H. E. Scheme.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*a*)

MR. K. M. PAUL: In view of the statement made by the President regarding the opening of a cement factory, may I know whether the Pallivasal Scheme is able to supply the necessary power?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: Yes, Sir. They will be able to supply the power.

PRESIDENT: For all the demands that have been made to us till now the power from Pallivasal would be adequate. Honourable members will realise that there are, in contemplation, schemes for exploiting the lower slopes of the Pallivasal area for producing extra power. At least one extra generation station will be established there. Honourable members will also be aware that as a result of negotiations with the Madras Government, what is called the Pericard Scheme will be introduced soon, and that also as a result of negotiations with the Madras Government the Papanasam Scheme will serve us also. We hope that all these schemes being properly developed in the course of the next two or three years, all the power demands could be met.

Supply of Electric Energy.

159. * MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any agencies or firms other than those mentioned in Appendix V page 27 of the Administration Report of the Electrical Department for the year 1118, who were supplied with energy in bulk for the year 1119?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: None.

Electric Supply to Chengannur.

160. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether the Electrical Engineer has stated on behalf of Government during the last Budget Session of the Assembly that the extension of electric supply will be given to Chengannur in 1120 itself:

(*b*) whether the extension has been given and if not, the steps so far taken for carrying out this work; and

(*c*) the year in which the administrative sanction for this extension was accorded by Government?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Extension has not been carried out. Materials for the work are being collected.

(*c*) 1941 November.

Hydro-Electric Scheme at Idiki.

161. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any investigation has been made by Government about the hydro-electric scheme at Idiki either recently or before?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: The question of developing electric power from Idiki Water Falls has been considered by Government, but no detailed investigation of the scheme has been carried out.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: ഇതു ഇൻവസ്റ്റിഗേറ്റ ചെയ്യണമെ എന്നു ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചാണോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റ അഭ്യർത്ഥിച്ചത്?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: There are cheaper schemes which can be developed.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: ചിപ്പാണോ അല്ലയോ എന്നതിന് അതു പരിശോധിയ്ക്കാതെ എങ്ങിനെയാണ് നിശ്ചയിക്കുക?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: Preliminary investigations have been carried out.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know when they were carried out?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: In 1936.

PRESIDENT: Two experts were at that time in India and their services were availed of by this Government. They investigated seven or eight schemes and made a report to Government. Afterwards the matter was looked into and it was found that these schemes were likely to be exploited more easily than the Idiki Scheme. But that Scheme has not been given up.

Telephone section of the Parur Anchal Office.

162. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the average monthly income of the telephone section of the Parur Anchal Office?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: Rs. 230.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Do the Government propose to shift the Telephone Call Office from the present site?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: There is no such proposal.

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